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WELCOME!!

Keri Burr has joined the Northern Region as a licensor. She attended Dixie College and graduated from Utah State University in Family and Human Development with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Relationships with a Minor in Sociology. Keri was a nanny for two years. Keri also completed internships with McKay Dee Hospital in Ogden in the Child Live Program, and at the Bear River Head Start in Logan. Her knowledge and enthusiasm have really been evident from the start.



Karen Zamudio has joined the Central Region as a licensor. Karen came to us from the OACAA Head Start/Child Care in Ogden, where she was the Program Manager. She has a strong background in advocacy for low income children and families. She is bilingual. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, and scuba diving.

Sheila Oelerich has joined the Central Region as a licensor. Sheila comes to us from the Department of Workforce Services. She has had various teaching positions over the years. She has taught Citizenship classes in the Bay area; English as a foreign language in Korea; and French to elementary school students here in the Salt Lake School District.

Shilo Hardy has recently joined the support team in the Central Region! Shilo is the 3rd child out of 7. She has recently gotten married (just last month)! Congratulations Shilo! She has become a great asset to our team.



Cheryl Rhodes has been a licensor for about 5 2

years. She has recently transferred from Central Region to the Southern Region. Cheryl has worked in various schools, preschools and day cares in Utah and California. She has a BA in Psychology and a CDA.



Congratulations all and welcome aboard!

BEWARE OF ANTIBACTERIAL PRODUCTS!

A recent article published in the Washington Post states that the new wave of antibacterial products may not be all they seem to be. Consumers are urged to read labels very carefully. Their germ-fighting claims are often misleading and sometimes exaggerated, according to health experts, government officials and some industry executives. Sometimes, the cleaner must stand for 10 minutes before it kills germs as advertised. Sometimes it is misleading for what germs may be eliminated or where the antibacterial ingredients are located. According to the article, the most effective way for most people to prevent disease is the old-fashioned wash - washing their hands with soap and water.

TRAINING ON CHILD ABUSE

Part of the required training for child care providers is how to recognize and report suspected child abuse, neglect and exploitation. You can receive free educational materials on this subject by contacting the Utah Chapter for the Prevention of Child Abuse. They are located at 40 East South Temple in Suite 398, Salt Lake City 84111. Their phone number is (801) 532-3404.

Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee Meeting - November 2, 1998

Licensing Actions/Sanctions:

1. Bonnie's Daycare - A standard license will be issued based on completion of required local health department food safety requirements.
2. A Cease and Desist order was issued to an unlicensed provider on 09-21-98. The provider has since completed all licensing requirements and a provisional license has been issued.

3. A number of providers have not submitted Plans of Correction to the Bureau within the required time frames. In these instances, the Bureau will direct the Plan of Correction.

Child Care Task Force:

The following bills are being proposed for the 1999 legislative session:

1. Criminal FBI background clearance for new providers.
2. Tax credit for private and public businesses who donate space, items to child care providers.
3. A governor appointed commission to create more childcare providers.
4. Early childhood literacy programs.

Deb Wynkoop-Green reported that there has been substantial discussion regarding the proposed AStar System@incentive program and other possible incentive programs to promote longevity in the childcare field.

Child Care Legislation:

Committee members requested updates on the following legislative issues:

1. IPS has asked pediatricians to volunteer to attend at least a half day session at the capitol during the legislative session. Keeping IPS informed may result in more representation from their profession.
2. NAP/NAP may coordinate legislative activity with IPS. NAP/NAP will let the CCLAC know what issues they would like followed through the session.
3. Ms. Farr relayed concern from her association about the effects of Senator Blackham's HB 26 and DWS Subsidized Child Care Program. There appears to be an increase in children leaving licensed care. There is support for a bill that would change these effects.
4. The UDOH will propose a bill to codify the Childcare Licensing Act. The CCLAC requested the bill include ratios for RC providers. A copy of the bill will be distributed to CCLAC once there is a sponsor. There wont be fiscal note attached.

Rule Comments:

1. Committee members requested a copy of the comments submitted at the rule hearing.
2. A letter regarding biting was presented and discussed. The Bureau will include a handout in the next newsletter. The issue will be studied further and reported on in future CLLAC meetings.

Report on Dr. Aronson's Visit:

A handout was distributed to CLLAC members on the meeting with Dr. Aronson, a nationally

recognized pediatrician and child care advocate. Dr. Aronson is suggesting that Utah describes justifications and survey techniques for rules into a booklet for childcare licensors and providers. UDOH has completed a ten hour module health and safety training curriculum for initial training. A second refresher course is suggested to be two hours in length.

Report on NARA Conference:

Bureau supervisory staff (Joel Hoffman, Colleen Fitzgerald, Penny Knudson) reported on the recently attended National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) conference held in Florida. Sessions attended included: Enforcement Actions, Forfeiture Assessments, How to Maintain Consistency Among Licensors, and Communication Strategy Among Licensors.

Other Items:

The issue of getting recognition as Achildcare professionals@vs. day care was discussed by CLLAC members. As some providers do not feel that child care is a profession, the change in public perception may take a long time. A unified perception among providers would help the perception change more rapidly.

The next meeting will be January 4, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. in room 125 of the Cannon Health Building.

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PLANS OF CORRECTION

Providers, please pay attention to the cover letter when you receive a Statement of Findings/Plan of Correction from a survey. Towards the bottom of the cover letter, there is the date you are to return the completed Statements of Findings and Plans of Corrections. All deficiencies need not be corrected before this is mailed back to your licensor. You do need to have filled out your plans of corrections and the dates they will be completed and have them mailed back by the date on the cover letter. We all thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

REMINDER TO CENTER OWNERS

If you change directors, you must send in a new application letting us know the name of your new director. We need to check qualifications and get the proper names on your license.

TRAINING HOURS

All providers must receive a minimum of 20 training hours each year. These training hours must cover all required areas, as outlined in your rules. When licensors come to check training hours, please have a way of showing the areas that have been covered. You can use the sample form entitled A Training Log@ to do this.

Also, the Bureau has pamphlets and handouts in Spanish. Contact your licensor if you are interested in receiving these.

CASH - OUT METHOD OF PAYMENTS

This summer, the method of payment for parents on state assistance went to a cash-out system. Parents are now paid directly from the state, and it is their responsibility to pay their child care provider. If you have any questions about this system, or have having problems, or know of parents who are not spending the money properly please contact Cathie Pappas at the Department of Workforce Services. She can be reached at (801) 468-0123.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! NO DEFICIENCIES

NORTHERN REGION:

Kim Anderson
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Tonya Cluff
Beth Collier
Jennifer Collins
Carla Crocco
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Willa Lebaron
Susan Lebberton
Dawn Longman
Isabel McDonald
Susan Miller
Cynthia Pervis
Debra Riddle
Flo Slease
Janice Wells

CENTRAL REGION:

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Park City School District Children's Center
Caring for Kids/2001 South State (2nd No Violation)

Southern Region:

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Deena Campbell
Loyal Pett
Karen Perry
Susie Wather
Terri Jenkins
Lauri Anderson

Thank you all for your hard work in implementing the child care rules!!

REFLECTIONS FOR A CHILD CARE PROVIDER ~Rebecca Christian

12. If you can accept encourage, teach, and inspire, you can care for children.
11. I don't do this for the money, so it must be love.
10. When my kids become wild & unruly, I use a nice, safe playpen. When they're finished, I climb out (Erma Bombeck).
9. If you're torn between becoming a psychologist, coach, nurse, bookkeeper, or teacher, become a child care provider. You'll be all five.
8. Child care providers have the secret of youth: be to see life through the eyes of a child.
7. Just for today, let's eat desert first!
6. If music soothes the savage beast, let's see what it will do for these antsy children.
5. I think I need glasses for the eyes in the back of my head
4. Child care can be a great pleasure or a Dreadful burden. It's my that makes the difference.
3. Child care isn't hard unless you're doing it right.
2. Mama wasn't covered kidding when she said there'd days like this!
1. It's okay to run out of peanut butter, but never out of hugs.